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November 17, 2008

The Honorable Jack Arrowsmith
Douglas County Clerk & Recorder
301 Wilcox Street
Castle Rock, CO 80104

RE: Request for Removal from the Election Watch List

Dear Clerk Arrowsmith:

I am in receipt of the letter from you requesting removal of Douglas County from the Secretary of State's Election Watch List.

On March 12, 2007, you were notified of Douglas County's placement on the Election Watch List. The deficiencies described in the notification involved excessive wait times for voters during the November 7, 2006 General Election, due to an inadequate allocation of voting machines which resulted in an insufficient number of voting machines at some locations.

During the course of 2007 and 2008, you have consistently provided this office with updates to changes to your election process. Furthermore, Department of State staff has made multiple visits to your county and documented the progress made by you and your staff.

Prior to this visit you provided documentation detailing the following:

- A plan for ensuring acceptable wait times for voters to include a combined precinct polling locations; paper ballots available at each polling location;
- Availability of paper ballots at every polling location as well as an increase in the number of available electronic voting machines; and
- Communication procedures to ensure contact with county employees in the event of an emergency or technological issue.

Based upon the observations of Department of State staff as well as the documentation provided by Douglas County, I am pleased and impressed with the work of you and your staff. I find that all deficiencies have been remedied and hereby remove Douglas County from the Election Watch List.

The voters of your county should have the upmost respect for you and confidence in the elections held in your county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Coffman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" and last name "Coffman" clearly distinguishable.

Mike Coffman
Secretary of State